

WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY NO. 202

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATIVE OBSERVANCES	
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Approved By: <i>Executive Staff</i>	Amends/Rescinds: 5/4/2018
<i>This policy is for departmental use only and does not apply in any criminal or civil proceeding. This policy should not be construed as creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims. Violations of this policy will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting</i>	

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure for conducting a joint Wichita Police Department and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office service in honor of law enforcement officers slain in the line of duty. The following Wichita Police Department Officers have been killed in the line of duty:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Slain Officer</u>
February 23, 1915	Detective William L. Humphries
May 23, 1915	Captain Frank W. Griswold
July 20, 1920	Detective William H. Ballard
November 5, 1921	Patrolman A.L. Young
November 21, 1921	Patrolman Robert Fitzpatrick
November 23, 1921	Detective Charles D. Hoffman
July 15, 1923	Detective Charlie E. Galloway
November 27, 1923	Patrolman Robert C. Scudder
January 4, 1925	Patrolman Harrison R. Brown
April 10, 1925	Patrolman Edward F. Hall
June 26, 1927	Patrolman Vernon E. Ogden
August 9, 1927	Patrolman Joseph G. Marshall
July 18, 1930	Patrolman Paul E. Gilmore
August 1, 1930	Lieutenant James O. Pugh
August 14, 1931	Detective Merle R. Colver
October 26, 1962	Patrolman David A. Kenyon
November 8, 1980	Police Officer Paul Garofalo
January 5, 1982	Police Officer Danny D. Laffey
November 4, 2000	Lieutenant John E (Jack) Galvin

II. PROCEDURES

A. Ceremony Guidelines

1. The service shall be held in conjunction with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on one of the days during National Law Enforcement Week; this day shall be designated Law Enforcement Memorial Day. The service will be under direction of the Training Bureau Commander who:
 - a. Shall send an informational bulletin to law enforcement agencies in adjoining counties.
 - b. The secretary of the Training Bureau shall draft and seek passage from the City Council of a proclamation which officially proclaims both National Law Enforcement Week and Law Enforcement Memorial Day. The proclamation shall direct flags on all City installations be flown at half-mast on Law Enforcement Memorial Day.
 - c. Shall coordinate the ceremony at City Hall at 10:00 AM on Law Enforcement Memorial Day. The ceremony may include:
 1. Lowering flags to half-mast;
 2. Performing a 21 gun salute by Honor Guard;
 3. Playing of taps;
 4. Laying a wreath;
 5. Giving of a benediction by a police chaplain;
 6. Other as determined by the Training Bureau Commander or Chief of Police.
2. All members of the Department and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony. Members attending the ceremony shall wear "Class A" uniform. On-duty field services personnel may attend in their normal duty uniform.
3. All members of the Wichita Police Department whose assignment require carrying or wearing a badge shall place a black band across their badge for the entire twenty-four hour period.

B. Authorization and Wearing of Black Bands

1. When an employee of any police agency located within Sedgwick County is killed in the line of duty, each member of the Wichita Police Department whose assignment requires carrying or wearing a badge shall place a black band across that badge when notified of the death. The black band shall be displayed continuously until the beginning of first shift on the day following interment.

2. When an employee of the Wichita Police Department dies or when a retired commissioned member of the Wichita Police Department dies, each member of the Wichita Police Department whose assignment requires carrying or wearing a badge may place a black band across that badge for a time period determined by the Chief of Police or designee. The band is to be removed after the day of interment.
3. The Chief of Police may authorize black bands worn for the death of others at his or her discretion.